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Presented for filing is a new continuation patent application of:

Applicant: DONALD V. SMART

Title: LASER PROCESSING

The prior application is assigned of record to General Scanning, a Massachusetts corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on December 24, 1996 at 8386/0738.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

	<u>Pages</u>
Specification	28
Claims	12
Abstract	1
Declaration	1
Drawing(s)	14

Enclosures:

- Preliminary amendment, 10 pages.
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This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 356 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/441,201, filed November 16, 1999. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.



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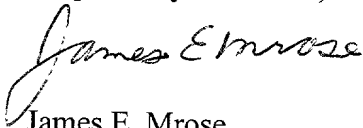
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